

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012
5:00 P.M

Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Croasmun, Duguid, Simmons, Simonds, Stitt, Lt. Mull

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Keeran, Lewis, Moorhead

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Guests: Rick Tilton

CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion for approval of the September 11, 2012 minutes: Carr; 2nd, Simonds. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Randy Bowman indicated that there were no new action items at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Informational Items

Parking Policy Update (Randy Bowman)

Loading Zone Policy

Update to Loading Zone administrative rules and regulations will be postponed till next year some time. Staff is limited and is focusing on the On-Street Handicap Parking Policy and the Residential Permit Parking Policy

On-Street Handicap Parking Policy

Randy Bowman discussed the need to update the on-street handicap parking rules and regulations as it is 5 years old. While some reasons may be very mundane, such as, the old policy refers to the Transportation Division, which no longer exists there are a few substantial changes that have been suggested. For instance, the proposal is if you have any unpaid parking tickets they would need to be paid before you would be granted a permit. Also, discussed were exclusive rights to a "handicap spot." Mayor's committee was briefed.

Residential Permit Parking Policy

Randy Bowman indicated that the Italian Village Parking Working Group met again on November 7, 2012 and they are working on some very specific issues that relate to the growth and redevelopment of Italian Village. The belief and hope is that once parking problems are solved in Italian Village these changes could translate to other neighborhoods in the city such as, German Village, Victorian Village, etc. that have the same dense parking issues. The next Italian Village Parking Working Group meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2012 at the Goodale Park Caretaker Residence.

Discussion

Bicycle Subcommittee Update (Daniel Moorhead)

Daniel Moorhead gave an update as follows on issues discussed at the September 26 Bicycle Subcommittee meeting (no October 2012 meeting held):

Ohio/Champion Avenue – Committee was briefed on rolling out the bike lanes and what they would look like.

Fourth Street Bike Lane – Bike lane tweaked to the configuration recommended by AASHTO bike guide.

Sullivant Avenue Update - This is a project to connect the future Camp Chase trail to downtown with a bike facility along Sullivant Avenue.

Downtown Action Plan – Discussed forming a working group to determine where to put sharrows on High Street.

Tamarack Circle Bike Lanes – Bike lanes have been installed on Tamarack Circle.

Columbus Bikeways Mobile App – Brief overview was given to subcommittee.

Downtown Sharrow Projects – Updated committee on sharrow projects that will be rolling out in downtown early next year and some at the end of the year.

Milton Bike Box Rehabilitation – North approach to the bike box has been resurfaced. The bike box markings have been reapplied to both approaches.

Fourth/Summit Street Bike Lanes – Both these streets in the Weiland Park area are scheduled for resurfacing by ODOT. Bike lanes will be installed at the same time.

Bicycle Information Kiosks – Committee was shown a preview of what the information signs will look like that are being installed at the bike shelters. Mini bicycle repair stations have been installed at each shelter. Bicyclists will have the ability to hang bike up, do minor repairs and pump tires.

Discussion

Downtown Action Plan (DAP) Update (Gary Wilfong)

Gary Wilfong gave an update on the Downtown Action Plan.

On-street Parking

Gary Wilfong indicated that approximately 60 parking meters have been placed on High Street both north and south bound between Mound Street and Goodale Street. South bound meters will be turned on Monday, November 19th. North bound meters will be turned on the following week or shortly thereafter. Gary discussed the fact that some meters will be installed at a later date after COTA bus shelters are moved.

Front/Marconi Conversion to Two-way Operation

Gary Wilfong indicated that the Front and Marconi conversion project is moving forward and the project is in design. Both these streets will be converted to two-way and current schedule is to take place next year 2013.

Broad Street

Gary Wilfong indicated this part of the DAP is currently in the analysis stage. Staff and consultants are continuing to look at alternatives and priorities.

Third and Fourth Streets

Gary Wilfong reported that there was an analysis done on Third and Fourth to consider creating two-way streets. This is being looked at preliminarily and Gary doesn't believe it to be feasible from a traffic standpoint, but staff is looking at what other options might be available.

Discussion.

Planning Studies Update (Gary Wilfong)

Gary Wilfong provided some handouts for the Planning Study's Update, which is a study from Hamilton Road between Morse and Dublin-Granville. At this time there are two alternatives for this project. An internal meeting will take place on November 16th at which time they will review draft reports. At this point there is discussion on median vs. no median and both alternatives include bike lanes and shared use path and the sidewalks.

Near East and South Area Traffic Control Modification Update (Patti Austin)

Patti Austin reported staff has met with the leadership from the Near East Area Commissions. Patti noted that there was not a lot of opposition at the meetings. It has been requested that a speed study be conducted and to look at the placement of stop signs in some locations. The next step is to reach out to area liaisons and neighborhood commissions to establish if a public meeting is necessary or should the project just move forward. Patti indicated that in December meeting she can report that a 6 month flash period can begin to evaluate the removal of the signals.

Discussion.

Residential Permit Parking Extension of Area “C” West Second Avenue (both sides) from Michigan Avenue to Oregon Avenue (Keith Keeran)

Resident on W. Second Avenue requested an extension of Permit Parking Extension of Area C”, which is No Parking, 5am – 5pm, except City Permit C. Petition was received on July 30, 2012. Keith Keeran went over the petition process policy requirement for permit parking. The petition did meet all requirements. Keith recommended that the extension of Permit Parking Area C be extended.

Two speakers came to voice their opposition to the extension. The speakers are the owners of a duplex on W. Second Avenue.

Motion to approve the Permit Parking for Residential C Parking as recommended by the City. Croasmun, motion carried, Curtis

Update T&PC Bylaws (Randy Bowman)

Randy Bowman has proposed the need to update the Transportation and Pedestrian Committee Bylaws. The plan is to bring the proposed new bylaw changes to the next T&PC meeting on December 11th. Randy indicated that he would email to committee in advance for their review.

Discussion

Other Business (Steve Simmons)

Steve Simmons discussed the opportunity he had recently to attend the National Association of People Transportation Summit in Memphis, Tennessee. Steve pointed out how friendly, both pedestrian and transit friendly they have maintained the downtown area, at least where he was. Steve found it really interesting how they literally closed off entire roads at night for pedestrians to walk and how the electric trolleys go back and forth all day long.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Harra
Recording Secretary

Steve Simmons
Chairperson

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary

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